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INTRODUCTION to the 42nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference

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WELCOME FROM BISHOP DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop

Have you ever been astonished? It's a word that implies that we are completely taken off guard, knocked off our feet, or flabbergasted. It's not something that happens often, and when it does, we remember the impact on our lives.

This Annual Conference our word is Astonish! We will look at the ways we are astonished by God, by God's world, and by God's people. I hope you are ready to be blown away, in a good way, by the depth of the love of Christ.

I look forward to our time together. In fact, I can't wait to see you! We've been preparing for this moment, so come with open hearts, minds, and souls. And come ready to receive, to grow, and to experience the new thing God is up to.

You are cherished.

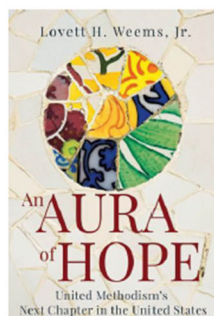
Grace y paz,

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

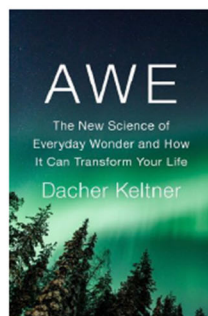


(1) BOOK & MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

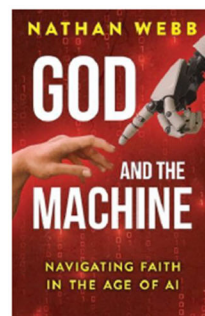
Here is a list of books and media I recommend this year to help you focus on what makes you feel astonished!



*An Aura of Hope, United Methodism's
Next Chapter in the United States*
Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

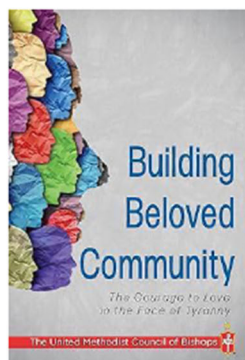


*Awe: The New Science of
Everyday Wonder and How It
Can Transform Your Life*
Dacher Keltner

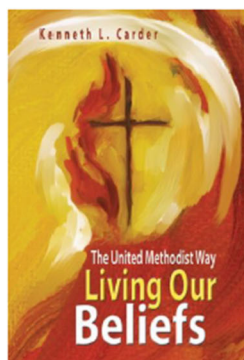


*God and the Machine:
Navigating Faith in the Age of AI*
Nathan Webb

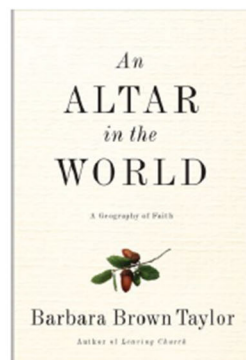
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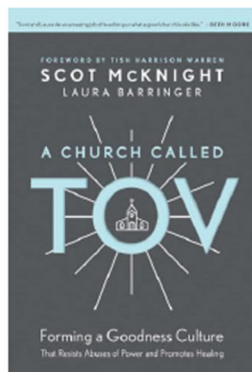
*Building Beloved Community:
the Courage to Love in the
Face of Tyranny*
The United Methodist
Council of Bishops



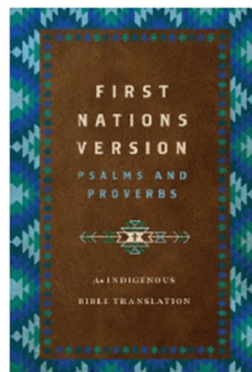
*Living Our Beliefs:
The United Methodist Way*
Kenneth L. Carder



*An Altar in the World:
A Geography of Faith*
Barbara Brown Taylor



*A Church Called Tov: Forming a Goodness Culture that
Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing*
Scot McKnight and Laura Barringer



*First Nations Version of
the New Testament
Psalms and Proverbs*



Get Your Spirit in Shape
UM Communications



Un-Tied Methodism
The General Commission on
Archives and History of the UMC



Imperfect Paradise
Inside a SoCal Church where
Muslims, Jews, & Christians Pray



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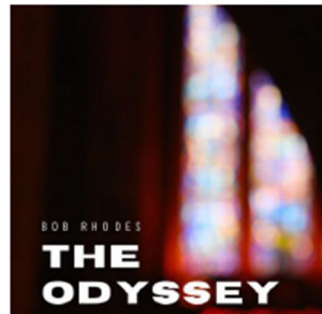
The Non-Anxious Leader Podcast



Faith Talks: A UWF Podcast



Burn Order
Rachel Maddow



The Odyssey
Bob Rhodes



(2) HISTORICAL STATEMENT

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Established 1985

SESSION AND BOUNDARIES

This is the forty-second Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference, created out of the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference. This session marks the 59th conference session since the creation of The United Methodist Church from the union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968; the 88th Session since the merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Protestant Methodist Church in 1939; the 151st Session since the organization of the Southern California Conference in 1876; and the 176th Session since the organization of the Pacific Conference in 1851, the oldest of the merging Annual Conferences.

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The boundaries of the California-Pacific Annual Conference: Counties of Imperial, Inyo, in Kern only that portion described as the Antelope Valley to the base of the Tehachapi Mountains and that portion extending easterly from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara (excluding the town of New Cuyama), Ventura, and excluding the cities bordering the Colorado River, namely, Blythe, Needles, and Fort Yuma. The entire State of Hawaii, the Territory of Guam, and other territory of the United States in the Pacific region.

(From the Western Jurisdiction Conference Journal proceedings of the Western Jurisdiction Conference 2012. Numerical totals have been adjusted to current year.)

(3) OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS & CLASSES

Photos and photo compilations provided by Cal-Pac Communications.

2026-2027 Cabinet



Pictured from left to right: Rev. Garth Gilliam; Rev. Dr. Thomas Choi; Rev. Luis Garcia; Erin Hawkins; Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank; Rev. Moonyoung Lee; Rev. Allison Paige Eaves; Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi

Ordained and Elected into Full Membership in the Order of Elders or Order of Deacons



Pictured from left to right: Rev. Dr. Brian James Tipton (Deacon); Rev. Sejin (Kaleb) Oh (Elder); Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank; Rev. Kimberly Ports (Elder); Rev. Christian Choon-uk Jung (Elder); Rev. Martin Wesley Niponi Finau (Elder)

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Commissioned and Elected into Provisional Membership in the Order of Elders



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Viliami Ongo Koli*; *Rev. Bridie Charolette Roberts*; *Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank*; *Rev. Kiana Jean Hertogh (Nicholson)*; *Rev. Ruben Esponda*; *Rev. Zicong Li*.
No deacons were elected into provisional membership in 2026.

Transferred and Elected into Provisional Membership in the Order of Elders



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Baldwin Israel Avendano*; *Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank*; *Rev. Riju Jayan*

2026 Retirees



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. James R. Powell*; *Rev. Jonathan Chute*; *Rev. Paul Kim*; *Rev. N. Adiel DePano*; *Rev. Lily Villamin*; *Rev. Donald Owens (retiring in his own denomination)*; *Rev. April Herron*; *Merrijoy (MJ) Buist (diaconal minister)*; *Rev. William DeBos*; *Rev. Dohmin Kim*

Not pictured: *Rev. Hakchoon Lim*; *Rev. Dr. Kenneth Jamaine Walden*; *Pastor Jeri Newell-Davis (retired local pastor)*; *Pastor Rafael Rios-Garcia (retired local pastor)*

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(4) List of Churches Alphabetically

This list includes chartered churches, missions, satellite congregations and start-ups. Church names are listed by district, then church name.

MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT	MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Abiding Faith UMC	East	Walnut UMC	East
Alhambra First UMC	East	Wesley UMC of Riverside	East
Baldwin Park UMC	East	West Covina UMC	East
Banning UMC	East	Whittier First UMC	East
Bell Memorial UMC	East	Yorba Linda UMC	East
Brea UMC	East	Yucaipa UMC	East
Chino UMC	East	Yucca Valley UMC	East
Church of The Foothills	East		
Church of The Good Shepherd	East	Aiea Korean UMC	Hawaii
Claremont UMC	East	Aiea UMC	Hawaii
Colton UMC	East	Ala Lani UMC	Hawaii
Community UMC of Wrightwood	East	Aldersgate UMC Hawaii	Hawaii
Cornerstone UMC	East	Calvary UM Mission	Hawaii
Corona UMC	East	Christ UMC of Honolulu	Hawaii
Covina UMC	East	Ewa Beach UMC	Hawaii
East Whittier UMC	East	First Tongan UMC of Hawaii	Hawaii
Evangelical UMC	East	First UMC of Honolulu	Hawaii
Faith UMC of San Gabriel Valley	East	Guam UMC	Hawaii
First Filipino-American UMC of San Gabriel Valley	East	Harris UMC	Hawaii
First Tongan of Pomona Valley	East	Hilo UMC	Hawaii
First UMC of Riverside	East	Honoka'a UMC	Hawaii
First UMC of Upland	East	Honolua UMC	Hawaii
Fullerton First UMC	East	Kahalu'u UMC	Hawaii
Glendora UMC	East	Kahuku UMC	Hawaii
Grace UMC of Riverside	East	Kailua UMC	Hawaii
Hesperia UMC	East	Kam-Nam UMC	Hawaii
La Habra UMC	East	Keolumana UMC	Hawaii
La Mirada UMC	East	Kilohana UMC	Hawaii
La Puente First UMC	East	Kona UMC	Hawaii
La Verne UMC	East	Lahaina UMC	Hawaii
Monrovia UMC	East	Lihue United Church	Hawaii
Montebello UMC	East	Na'alehu UMC	Hawaii
New Beginnings UMC	East	Olive UMC	Hawaii
Ontario First UMC	East	Parker UMC	Hawaii
Palm Springs UMC	East	Trinity UMC of Pearl City	Hawaii
Placentia UMC	East	Wahiawa UMC	Hawaii
Pomona Valley Chinese UMC	East	Waianae UMC	Hawaii
Redlands First UMC	East	Wesley UMC of Hawaii	Hawaii
Rialto UMC	East	West Kauai UMC	Hawaii
Sage Granada Park UMC	East		
San Dimas UMC	East	Altadena UMC	North
Shepherd of the Hills UMC of Monterey Park	East	Atascadero UMC	North
Shepherd of the Valley UMC	East	Bardsdale UMC	North
Sierra Madre UMC	East	Bethel Korean Mission Church	North
St Matthew's UMC of Hacienda Heights	East	Big Pine Community UMC	North
Temple City First UMC	East	Bishop First UMC	North
Trinity UMC of Pomona	East	Burbank First UMC	North
UMC of Cucamonga	East	Camarillo Korean UMC	North
UMC of Twentynine Palms	East	Camarillo UMC	North
University UMC of Redlands	East	Chatsworth West UMC	North
Victorville UMC	East	Christ Our Savior UMC	North

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MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Community UMC of Inyokern	North
Community UMC of Pearblossom	North
Crescenta Valley UMC	North
El Buen Pastor UMC	North
Estero Bay UMC	North
First UMC of Arroyo Grande	North
First UMC of Canoga Park	North
First UMC of Lompoc	North
First UMC of North Hollywood	North
First UMC of Pasadena	North
First UMC of Paso Robles	North
First UMC of Reseda	North
First UMC of San Fernando	North
First UMC of Ventura	North
Friendly Valley Community UMC	North
Glendale First UMC	North
Grace Korean UMC	North
Hindi-Urdu UM Mission	North
Holliston UMC	North
Immanuel UMC of Los Angeles	North
International Community UMC	North
Knollwood UMC	North
Korean UMC of Oxnard	North
La Canada UMC	North
Lancaster UMC	North
Magnolia Park UMC	North
Malibu UMC	North
Moorpark UMC	North
North Hills Hispanic Mission	North
Northridge UMC	North
Ojai UMC	North
Pacoima First UMC	North
Palmdale First UMC	North
Pioneer Memorial UMC	North
ReNew UMC	North
Ridgecrest UMC	North
Saint Andrew UMC	North
San Luis Obispo UMC	North
Santa Barbara First UMC	North
Santa Clarita Korean Mission	North
Santa Clarita UMC	North
Santa Maria First UMC	North
Scott UMC	North
Sherman Oaks UMC	North
Simi Valley UMC	North
St Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park	North
St Paul's UMC of Oxnard	North
St Paul's UMC of Tarzana	North
Thousand Oaks UMC	North
Trinity UMC of Los Osos	North
Tujunga UMC	North
University UMC of Isla Vista	North
Valencia UMC	North
Valley Korean UMC	North
Van Nuys UMC	North

MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Westlake Village UMC	North
Woodland Hills UMC	North
Aldersgate UMC of Tustin	South
Brawley First UMC	South
Calexico UM Mission	South
Chapel of The Hills UMC	South
Chapel of The Valley Mission	South
Chollas View UMC	South
Christ Church By The Sea	South
Clairemont Christian Fellowship	South
Community UMC of Borrego Springs	South
Community UMC of Huntington Beach	South
Community UMC of Julian	South
Costa Mesa First UMC	South
El Getsemani UMC	South
Exodus UMC	South
Fallbrook UMC	South
First UMC of Chula Vista	South
First UMC of El Centro	South
First UMC of Escondido	South
First UMC of National City	South
First UMC of Orange	South
First UMC of San Diego	South
Foothills UMC	South
Fountain Valley First UMC (The Fount)	South
Garden Grove UMC	South
Good Shepherd Ministry Center	South
Good Shepherd UMC of Westminster	South
Hemet UMC	South
Hope UMC of San Diego	South
Imperial Beach Mission Congregation	South
Jacumba UMC	South
Korean UMC of San Diego	South
La Jolla UMC	South
La Mesa First UMC	South
Laguna Beach UMC	South
Laguna Country UMC	South
Laguna Hills Korean UMC	South
Leisure World Community UMC	South
Lemon Grove UMC	South
Linda Vista UMC	South
Mesa Verde UMC	South
Mission Hills UMC	South
Murrieta UMC	South
Nestor UMC	South
Newport Center UMC	South
Normal Heights UMC	South
North Coast UMC	South
Pacific Beach UMC	South
Palisades UMC	South
Park Hill UMC	South
Ramona UMC	South
San Carlos UMC	South
San Dieguito UMC	South

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MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
San Jacinto UMC	South
San Luis Rey Valley UMC	South
San Marcos UMC	South
Santa Ana UMC	South
Santee UMC	South
Shepherd of the Hills UMC	South
St Andrew's By-The-Sea UMC	South
St Mark's UMC of San Diego	South
St Paul's UMC of Coronado	South
St Paul's UMC of San Diego	South
Sun City UMC	South
Temecula UMC	South
Trinity UMC of San Diego	South
University UMC of Irvine	South
Vista UMC	South
Artesia-Cerritos UMC	West
Bellflower First UMC	West
Belmont Heights UMC	West
California Heights UMC	West
Cambodian-American UM Ministry	West
Centenary UMC	West
Chinese UMC	West
Community UMC of Pacific Palisades	West
Compton First UMC	West
Crenshaw UMC	West
Crossroads UMC	West
Culver Palms UMC	West
Dominguez UMC	West
Downey UMC	West
Echo Park UMC	West
El Segundo UMC	West
Faith UMC of Los Angeles	West
Faith UMC of Torrance	West
Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	West
Grace River Korean UMC	West
Grace UMC of Long Beach	West
Grace UMC of Los Angeles	West
Hamilton UMC	West
Harmony Church	West
Hawthorne UMC	West
Heritage UMC	West
Hollypark UMC	West
Hollywood UMC	West
Holman UMC	West
Hope UMC of Torrance	West
House Church Network	West
Huntington Park First UMC	West
Inglewood First UMC	West
Kardia UMC	West
Korean Central UMC	West
Kum Ran UMC	West
La Palma Korean UMC	West
La Palma UMC	West
La Plaza UMC	West

MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Lakewood First UMC	West
Lennox Tongan UMC	West
Los Altos UMC	West
Los Angeles First UMC	West
Los Angeles Gospel UM Mission	West
Los Angeles Korean UMC	West
Los Feliz UMC	West
Lynwood UMC	West
Maywood UMC	West
Native American Fellowship	West
Native American UMC of Southern California	West
Norwalk UMC	West
Nueva Esperanza UM Mission	West
Orangethorpe UMC	West
Redondo Beach First UMC	West
Riviera UMC	West
Rolling Hills UMC	West
Rosewood UM Mission	West
Saint Mark UMC of Los Angeles	West
San Pedro UMC	West
Santa Monica First UMC	West
Seal Beach First UMC	West
Silverado Samoan UMC	West
St John's UMC	West
St Paul's UMC of Redondo Beach	West
The Church In Ocean Park UMC	West
Torrance First UMC	West
Trinity UMC of Lakewood	West
United UMC of Anaheim	West
United University Church	West
United With Hope UMC - Amanaki-Ketau Fakataha	West
Venice UMC	West
Walteria UMC	West
Wayside UMC	West
West Anaheim UMC	West
West Los Angeles UMC	West
Westchester UMC	West
Westwood UMC	West
Wilmington First UMC	West
Wilshire UMC	West
Zion Korean UMC	West